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THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS THE MR-2 CEASEFIRE SITUATION REPORT FOR APRIL 10, 1973.

1. MR 2 GENERALLY QUIET IN 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING 0800 HOURS APRIL 10; ONLY TEN WIDELY- SCATTERED ENEMY- INITIATED INCIDENTS REPORTED. CASUALTY AGGREGATES ALSO UNUSUALLY LOW: ENEMY, SIX KIA; RVNAF, SEVEN WIA; ONE CIVILIAN KILLED. NONE OF INCIDENTS PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY, ALTHOUGH COMMUNIST DISREGARD FOR POSSIBLE ICCS CENSURE WAS UNDERLINED AGAIN AFTERNOON OF APRIL 9 WHEN AN ENEMY ATTACK BY FIRE DESTROYED AN ARVN ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER IN PHAN THIET, LOCATION OF ICCS REGION 4 HQ.

2. THERE IS BAD NEWS OF AN ENGAGEMENT NIGHT OF APRIL 8 (SAIGON 5968, APRIL 9 SITREP) WHICH WAS INADEQUATELY REPORTED BY MR 2 STAFF AT THE TIME. MORE COMPLETE AFTER- ACTION REPORT ON INCIDENT, WHICH TOOK PLACE 16 KMS SW OF KONTUM CITY, NOW INDICATES THAT THERE WAS AN ENEMY ATTACK BY FIRE FOLLOWED BY MULTIPLE GROUND ASSAULTS ON TWO RF COMPANIES, WHICH BROKE AND RAN. REMNANTS TURNED UP AT THEIR BATTALION HQ EARLY MORNING HOURS APRIL 9. RF LOSSES WERE REPORTEDLY AS FOLLOWS: ONE KIA, 15 WIA, 40 MIA, 46 INDIVIDUAL AND TWO CREW- SERVED WEAPONS, AND ONE PRC-25 RADIO UNACCOUNTED FOR. GVN RESPONDED TO ENEMY ATTACK WITH " SPOOKY" GUNSHIP , TACAIR AND ARTILLERY (400 ROUNDS). FRIENDLY FORCES RETURNING TO BATTLE AREA REPORTED FINDING 47 ENEMY BODIES AND ONE DESTROYED CREW- SERVED WEAPON. KONTUM PROVINCE CHIEF CONSIDERS AREA OF THIS ENEMY ATTACK AS CRITICAL; HE IS REINFORCING RF UNITS THERE WITH INTENTION OF LAUNCHING AN OPERATION TO CLEAR ENEMY FROM SURROUNDING HIGH GROUND. THIS WAS NOT FAR FROM THE POINT WHERE ANOTHER RF COMPANY TOOK TO THE WOODS ON MARCH 25 WHEN ATTACKED.

3. NATIONAL POLICE IN PHU YEN REPORT THAT SQUAD- SIZED VC UNITS CONTINUE SPORADICALLY TO PLY REMOTE HAMLETS OF TUY HOA, SONG CAU, AND HIEU XUONG DISTRICTS. GENERALLY COMMUNISTS MERELY FORAGE AND GIVE SHORT PROPAGANDA LECTURES TO HAMLETEERS, BUT NP REPORT SEVERAL RECENT CASES WHERE VC HAVE ABDUCTED YOUTHS, PRESUMABLY FOR MILITARY SERVICE.

4. ON APRIL 9, 28 SICK AND WOUNDED ARVN PW' S OF 22 ND DIVISION, CONFIDENTIAL

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CAPTURED IN APRIL- MAY 1972 COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE ON KONTUM,

WERE RELEASED BY COMMUNISTS IN NGO TRUNG VILLAGE (APPROXIMATELY
10 KMS NORTHWEST OF KONTUM CITY). THESE PW' S RECEIVED BY
53 RD REGIMENT OF ARVN 23 RD DIVISON, WHICH HAS BEEN INVOLVED
IN INTERMITTENT DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMUNIST FORCES IN NGO
TRANG AREA FOR PAST TWO MONTHS. RELEASE SEEN BY BGEN CAM,
CG 23 RD DIVISION, AS GOOD- WILL GESTURE BY COMMUNISTS, BUT HE
DOES NOT PLAN ANY RECIPROCAL FREEING OF VC/ NVA PW' S IN
IMMEDIATE FUTURE. NEWLY- RELEASED PW' S REPORT THAT THEIR
COMMUNIST CAPTORS STILL HOLD 95 PW' S FROM 22 ND DIVISION.

5. LTC CAN, WHO HEADED GVN ELEMENT OF FPJMT AT NINH HOA
IN KHANH HOA PROVINCE AND IS SLATED FOR SIMILAR POSITION WITH
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